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## Officials Monitor Tropical Disturbance Near Chuuk; Development Possible as it Moves Toward Marianas

The National Weather Service (NWS) Guam Weather Forecast Office continues to monitor a tropical disturbance just southeast of Chuuk. "Invest Area 94W" is currently unorganized with a broad circulation located near 6 degrees north latitude and 153 degrees east longitude. It is expected to organize over the next 36 hours and it is in a favorable location for further development, as it tracks west-northwestward toward Guam.

There is a possibility of development into a tropical cyclone that passes near the Marianas next week. However, 94W remains disorganized and the rate and timing of development remains uncertain. Regardless of this uncertainty, 94W is expected to bring a wetter pattern to the region Tuesday and Tuesday night with numerous to scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Scattered showers and thunderstorms are also possible Wednesday and Wednesday night.

While there is still uncertainty as to what the impacts will be to Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands, the community is reminded to practice caution. To prepare for any circumstance, the community is advised to take precautionary measures now, while the weather is clear:

- Stay up to date with the latest information in the coming days. The system track or intensity may change and advisories may be issued.
- Locate or prepare your emergency preparedness kits for your household; stock up on non-perishable food items and water for your household, flashlights, first-aid kits, batteries, matches or lighters, portable stove, toiletries, etc. Visit <a href="https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit">https://www.ready.gov/build-a-kit</a> for more information on what to include in your supplies list.
- Secure important documents such as birth certificates, tax papers, and insurance documents and keep copies in a water-proof bag.
- Clear loose debris around your yard and store any items that may become airborne with heavy winds, before inclement weather arrives.
- Gas your vehicles and get fuel for your generators now while the weather is clear.
- Be prepared to take action if flood advisories are issued. In inclement weather, avoid camping, parking, or hiking along streams, rivers, and creeks during heavy rainfall. These areas can flood quickly and with little warning. Visit <a href="https://www.ready.gov/floods">https://www.ready.gov/floods</a> to learn more.

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD), with NWS, will continue to monitor all systems in the area and provide updates as needed.

Visit the following links for the latest advisory information:

• NWS Website: https://www.weather.gov/gum/

- NWS Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/">https://www.facebook.com/NWSGuam/</a>
- GHS/OCD Website: <a href="https://ghs.guam.gov/">https://ghs.guam.gov/</a>
- GHS/OCD Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/">https://www.facebook.com/GHSOCD/</a>

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